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- 1. A fee authorization for the amount of \$710.00.
- 2. Request & Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- 3. Specification as originally submitted including informal drawings.
- 4. Formal drawings of Figs. 1 - 8 on 3 sheets.
- 5. Copy of Declaration/Power of Attorney from prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)).
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- 7. Information Disclosure Statement w/form PTO-1449.
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